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China Can Become Great

Yenan, Feb. 13. China can become a modern nation, equal to any of the great powers, if she can have peace for 30 years. Gen. Chu Teh, Chinese Communist General-in-Chief, told a mass meeting celebrating the conclusion of China's unity talks at Chung King.

General Chu said Communists in China face two major tasks: first, to better living conditions in liberated areas; and to strengthen democracy still further, and, secondly, to further the spread of democracy through China "by serving as a guide."

He said China has every requisite for leadership in the world family of nations, but that without peace she would remain at a standstill.

General Chu was one of a half dozen speakers at the celebration.

Lin Piao-chu, chairman of the Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsia border region government, praised Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and urged close cooperation with the Kuomintang in bringing about a constitutional government. He also asked that the national military "blockade" of border regions be lifted. —Associated Press.

Blackout On Broadway

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. THIS SECOND GREATEST METROPOLIS OF THE WORLD WAS AS NEAR A DEAD AND DESERTED THING ON TUESDAY AS IT EVER HAS BEEN IN HISTORY.

BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL AND AMUSEMENT ACTIVITIES WERE AT A STANDSTILL. BROADWAY WAS BLACKED OUT IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE MAYOR'S ORDER TO OFFSET THE CRITICAL MID-WINTER FUEL SHORTAGE CAUSED BY THE NINE DAY STRIKE OF TUGBOAT WORKERS.

The huge city, unable to get coal or oil from the New Jersey rail yards across the North River, had all but its most essential services shut down at one minute before midnight on Monday by a Mayoral decree unprecedented in peacetime.

Only the hospitals, essential transit lines, and such restaurants and public services as were considered necessary for maintenance of the city's health and welfare were exempted from the order.

The closing order had immediate effect. The Mayor said it would continue indefinitely.

Meanwhile, the toughest workers' dispute over wages and hours showed no signs of early settlement, although operators were scheduled to meet with Union leaders again on a proposal for arbitration.

PENNSYLVANIA STRIKE. The Mayor's edict affected department stores, all commercial

Full Story Not Yet Written

Pontiac, Michigan, Feb. 13. Representative Frank Keefe, Republican of Wisconsin and member of the Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee, in a speech here yesterday during a Republican political meeting said: "You will be amazed, shocked and disappointed" when a full report of the military disaster can be made public. He said it had been impossible up to now for the press to report on the full Pearl Harbor story.

"Pieces will be put together," he said. He disagreed with President Truman's statement that no one was to blame except the American people, he stated, and said that the late President Roosevelt had reduced the army and navy for the fiscal years of 1934 to 1941 by almost \$3,000,000,000.

He denied that Congress had refused to fortify Guam and asserted "Congress at no time was ever asked for a single dollar to fortify the island of Guam." —Associated Press.

Eggs For Britain

London, Feb. 13. The Food Minister, Sir Ben Smith, told food-hungry Britain yesterday that the Government has arranged to buy another 12,000 tons of dried eggs from the United States.

Seemingly in answer to bitter protests from home-birds over the cut in egg imports because of the dollar shortage, Sir Ben announced that an additional 9,000 tons would be bought, making 21,000 tons. The nation imported 300,000 tons of dried eggs last year. —Associated Press.

KING ZOG LEAVES ENGLAND

Liverpool, Feb. 13. Former King Zog of Albania, who escaped from his native land soon after it was overrun by the Italians in 1940, sailed for Egypt yesterday.

For six years he had been living in England. He boarded the liner "City of Exeter" accompanied by his wife, ex-Queen Geraldine, his seven-year-old son Prince Leka, his four sisters and an entourage of more than 30 persons.

In London, Zog's secretary declined to say whether the former king had any intentions of returning to Albania which has been proclaimed a republic. —Associated Press.

Labour Attack On T.U. Disputes Act

LONDON, Feb. 13. DESCRIBING THE TRADE UNIONS DISPUTES ACT OF 1927 AS "AN INIQUITOUS PIECE OF DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION," SIR HARTLEY SHAWCROSS, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, MOVED THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO REPEAL THE ACT.

PASSED BY THE CONSERVATIVES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE GENERAL STRIKE OF 1926, THE ACT MADE GENERAL OR SYMPATHETIC STRIKES ILLEGAL, RESTRICTED PICKETING AND PROHIBITED CIVIL SERVANTS FROM JOINING TRADE UNIONS WITH POLITICAL OBLIGATIONS.

The Attorney-General told a tense and crowded House to-day that it was completely false to say the bill was intended to legalise and encourage general strikes. "If Britain should ever be faced with the misfortune of recurrence of general strike, this bill would avoid a conflict with the law which, in the existing circumstances under this bill, the law would inevitably lose with grave constitutional results."

War experience had shown that strikes could not be stopped by the process of criminal law. The way to do it was by consultation and arbitration. The 1927 act caused working people to think that their hard-won right to withhold their labour had been whittled away, and the law had been vindictively manipulated to their disadvantage.

GROSS TRAVESTY. A revolutionary strike aimed at overthrowing the constitution of a country by force always was, and always would be, illegal. So was intimidation.

Under the present bill people would no longer be prevented from attending a man's home to communicate information, or peacefully persuade him. It was a

BATAVIA OPTIMISM

Batavia, Feb. 13. An air of cautious optimism prevailed here yesterday as negotiations continued between Dutch and Indonesian officials on the formula to bring peace to strife-torn Java. —Associated Press.

VESEVIUS ACTIVE

Naples, Feb. 13. Smoke continued to-day, over Mount Vesuvius for the first time since the famous volcano erupted in the spring of 1944. —Associated Press.

Russian Eyes On Tripoli

Washington, Feb. 13. Secretary of State Byrnes told a news conference that the "big four" powers are still divided on the question of what to do with Italy.

He said as far as he knew Russia still opposed the American plan for appointing a neutral administrator under a trusteeship, aiming at complete independence.

He said Britain, who agreed in September to accept the United States proposal providing France and Russia also agreed, now is pushing her own plan, which would require Italy to accept any settlement arrived at in the future by the "big four" not imposing final disposition of the colonies as at this time, Byrnes said that, as far as he knew, Russia also still hopes for sole Soviet trusteeship of Tripolitania. —Associated Press.

Iran Premier To Visit Moscow

Teheran, Feb. 13. Close associates of Qavam Es Sultaneh said last night the Premier was notified by Russian officials that a Soviet plane which arrived from Baku had been "assigned" to him for his trip to Moscow on Saturday for the conferences on Azerbaijan.

Qavam called on the Shah earlier after receiving a party of deputies at his home. One of the deputies said the Premier was undecided about Left Wing (democratic) members in his new cabinet, and thought that the conference with the Shah might be for ascertaining the opinion of the royal household on this subject. —Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: Mainly fair, with moderate easterly winds. Yesterday's temperature: Maximum—45 degrees at 1 p.m. Minimum—37 degrees at 6 a.m.

Calcutta Riots Death Toll Mounting

CALCUTTA, Feb. 13. THIS CITY WAS PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW LAST NIGHT FOR THE SECOND TIME SINCE LAST NOVEMBER AS THE DEATH TOLL FROM TWO DAYS OF RIOTING MOUNTED TO ELEVEN.

BRITISH TROOPS, BY NIGHTFALL, WERE PATROLLING THE STREETS SUPPORTED BY LIGHT TANKS MOUNTING GUNS. AFTER THE BENGAL PROVINCE GOVERNOR R. G. CASEY ANNOUNCED IN A BROADCAST THAT "THE SITUATION IS SUCH THAT I HAVE ASKED THE ARMY TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CIVIL POWERS IN ORDER THAT ORDER MAY BE RESTORED IN CALCUTTA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE."

CHIANG SUMMONS HIS GENERALS

Chungking, Feb. 13. The Chinese reported to-day that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has summoned an important military conference for Friday in Nanking.

The report said the Nanking conference would be attended by top generals from throughout China.

There was no speculation as to the purposes of the conference, but it could be concerned with the reduction of Central Government forces to 90 divisions, as decided in the recent unity conference in Chungking. —Associated Press.

SAILORS INSIST ON FIRST CLASS

Seattle, Feb. 13. Business agent Ed. Coester, of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, said yesterday that union crews would refuse to sail on ships sold overseas unless they are guaranteed first class return passage. He said the action has grown out of reports from the crew of the s.s. "Seah Dache," turned over to the army at Yokohama on Jan. 28. He said the crew charged they slept in the hold on their return trip and were forced to work en route or go to the brig.

Coester added that several other repatriated crews have reported similar treatment. —Associated Press.

U.S. Mediation In UNO Clash

LONDON, FEB. 13. DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMERICAN ROLE OF MEDIATOR AND MIDDLEMAN HAS RESULTED FROM MODERN HISTORY'S GREATEST IMPERIAL CONTEST, THAT BETWEEN RUSSIA AND BRITAIN IN UNITED NATIONS MEETINGS HERE.

POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES HAS SPRUNG BETWEEN THE TWO, SOMETIMES COINCIDING WITH THE VIEW OF LONDON AND SOMETIMES SUPPORTING THE CLAIMS OF MOSCOW, WITH AN OCCASIONAL STAND IN THE MIDDLE IN EFFORTS TO RECONCILE THE TWO IN THE GREATER INTERESTS OF A STRONG WORLD PEACE ORGANISATION.

One American official described Russia's problem at the moment as that of creating a future status "by getting her desires in eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and Middle East without wrecking the United Nations."

Britain, on the other hand, weary like Russia from years of war, shorn of strong control over great parts of her Empire and outclassed in naked military power by America and Russia, might possibly use the United Nations to protect the status "but without wrecking the organisation."

However, in terms of power politics the United States has an international status to defend and develop, especially in preservation of western hemisphere unity and enlargement of the American sphere in the Pacific. But these problems are regarded as offering little direct conflict with the power interest of either Russia or Britain at the moment.

Generally, American sympathies run with the Russian view on colonial questions. The United States and the Soviet Union have tried to promote the betterment of colonial peoples, though Russia has always been much more outspoken than America.

FREEDOM QUESTION

But on questions of personal freedom, the United States and British representatives here have invariably agreed. Behind the scenes, even more than in public meetings of the Security Council, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., American Council representative, has worked constantly to keep on friendly terms with Russian and British colleagues to keep them from flying too far apart on such questions as those of Iran, Greece, Indonesia and the Levant States.

Diplomats credited Stettinius with solving what threatened to become a stalemate over the Russian contention that presence of British troops in Greece constituted a threat to world peace.

When British Foreign Minis-

ter Ernest Bevin ponderously demanded complete and public clearance from the charge, Stettinius suggested the Council should drop the charges without formal action which would embarrass Russia but with a statement by President N. J. O. Minkin, of Argentina, which would take note of both the charges and Britain's denial as well as the speeches of a majority of Council members which had agreed with Britain. —Associated Press.

SNOWBALL FOR FRANCO

MADRID, FEB. 13. MONARCHISTS TO DAY FELT THAT THEY HAD SET THE BALL ROLLING TO ACHIEVE GENERAL FRANCO'S RESIGNATION BY THE SUMMER OF THIS YEAR.

They place their hopes on an increasing circulation of a "letter" to Don Juan, in which more than 450 leading Spaniards, including 20 former cabinet ministers, declare their support for the restoration of "His Majesty King Juan the Third."

The Monarchists admit that General Francisco Franco, head of the Spanish Government, shows no signs of relinquishing power but they believe that this letter will have a snowball effect. As many more people join their camp, they believe a vacuum will be created round Franco.

A last minute action by the army will then, they are convinced, finally end Franco's Government after General Franco has been forced to resign through growing lack of support.

Royalist sources still insist that there is no possibility of collaboration between Franco and Don Juan.

INFANTE IN MADRID

General Infante Alfonso Orleans-Bourbon, cousin of the late King Alfonso the Thirteenth and Don Juan's representative in Spain, has arrived in Madrid on his way to see his mother in San Sebastian.

The Authorities have suspended their order, confining him to his residence at San Luca near Cadiz to permit him to make this journey.

It is thought that he is eventually going on to Lisbon to report to the Pretender, who has so far been kept informed on the moves in Spain by General Kindelan, the man who acts as General Infante Alfonso's lieutenant in the Spanish Royalist Organisation.

General Kindelan has, however, sent to Lisbon no plans or suggestions that have either the consent or approval of the present Spanish Government. —Reuter.

TRUMAN TO RUN AGAIN

Washington, Feb. 13. Democratic leaders yesterday expressed confidence that President Truman will be a candidate for re-election. In 1948, despite reports that he does not want to run for the Presidency.

Party chieftains are inclined to class the reported declaration as another indication of the President's personal modesty, but they said they have little doubt that the President can be convinced he will run. The only Democratic candidate who has a chance of winning in 1948 elections, the party's Associated Press.

Russians In No Hurry To Leave Manchuria

CHUNGKING, FEB. 13. PRIVATE REPORTS FROM MANCHURIA YESTERDAY ALLEGED THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE BUILDING BARRACKS AND MAKING OTHER PREPARATIONS SUPPORTING RUMOURS THERE THAT THE WITHDRAWAL FOR WHICH THE LAST FORMAL DEADLINE WAS FEB. 1 MIGHT NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF MAY AT THE EARLIEST.

THESE REPORTS ESTIMATED THERE WERE ABOUT 80,000 SOVIET TROOPS AROUND DAIREN WHICH, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SINO-SOVIET TREATY OF AUGUST 14, WAS MADE A FREE PORT.

The Russians have hitherto not given permission for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces to enter Dairen.

Reports estimated there were 35,000 Soviet troops in the vicinity of Changchun, capital of Manchuria, which Madame Chiang Kai-shek visited on a goodwill mission. One report said there were 300 Russian troops in the Manchurian port of Yingkow which the Chinese Communists occupied after the midnight Jan. 13 deadline for the cessation of hostilities.

RED INFILTRATION. These various rumours coincided with fresh rumours that the Russians, while hampering Na-

tionalist reoccupation of Manchuria, were allowing the Chinese Communists to infiltrate in the strategic areas. These would be placed for quick seizure of key points once the Russians actually withdrew.

A joint commission to demarcate the border between China and Outer Mongolia is expected to be set up immediately the negotiations for a treaty of friendship and amity now in progress are concluded.

An eight-man Outer Mongolian delegation which arrived here a few days ago is negotiating their country in the negotiations which are being conducted with officials of the Chinese Foreign Office. —Associated Press.



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SILVER WEDDING

Dear John, On the 14th February, 1921, at St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, Elizabeth Wilson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson of Hongkong, to Frederick Charles, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wilson of Hongkong, Northern Ireland. The Rev. Conley Moyle officiated.

Brave New House

Some who have had the pleasure to acquire housing accommodation in a suitable place, have, strange to say, no sense of elation at the thought of settling themselves afresh. Strict necessity has thrust them into the mud, and they have no joy of the business, nothing but a feeling of relief, quelled by misgivings. Not for them the pleasing illusion that in new surroundings, the strenuous and effective life will become feasible at last. That at last there is a corner which might have been made for the writing table and merely to occupy it is to feel ideas beginning to flow in a vivid stream. The owners, wisely taking a hint from the ideal house which Stevenson designed on paper, has had the walls shrouded with high for books. On the continuous table thus made to run round the room there should be ample space for the things which are picked up from one place only to be laid down in another and forgotten. It will be possible in the future to see at a glance where everything is and there will be no more frenzied rummaging in the wrong drawer. Here beyond doubt we shall grow in grace and wisdom, virtue and efficiency with only the long years mispent in other houses to upbraid our conscience. Yet, hard as it is to believe, a great many people are susceptible to none of these rejuvenating illusions; they dislike setting up in a newly acquired house quite as much as boys of a certain age dislike putting on a new suit of clothes. Eager dichotomists never cease trying to improve upon Lamb's division of the human species into burrowers and lenders; and some will wonder if the differences between these two races cut half as deep as the differences between men in whom the impulse for "fresh woods and pastures new" is insistently alive and men in whom the impulse would seem to have atrophied. For these last every prospect but the one with which they are familiar is bleak and inhospitable. It is a fact for many people that they require several weeks to regain the normal rhythm of life each time that the clock is set back or forward. Removal to a new flat presumably plays havoc with a cherished rhythm, and no possible gain in amenity can be considered likely to offset the drastic disturbance. Dwelling where they have always dwelt, people of this mind have become as rhythmically part of the place as figures in a painted landscape. What if the painting be adjudged faulty in line and colour? They are in it and of it and desire to remain so. It was a wanderer from clime to clime who advanced the paradox that almost any place is good enough to live in for life, while it is only in one or two places, and those highly favoured, but we can pass a few hours agreeably. For if we stay long enough we become at home in the neighbourhood, perceive beauties that escape the stranger. All who have to their own satisfaction proved the paradox true are indeed enviable. Wretched, in comparison with such sweet and pacifying experience is the illusion of those who cannot help believing that in new

Removing Menace Of Malaria From H.K.

OFFERED BRIBE TO COMMANDO

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday with offering a bribe to Pte. Morley, of No. 6 Commando. One of them was also charged with possessing cigarettes and tobacco which duty had not been paid.

Tang Kai, charged with offering N.C.\$2,000 to Pte. Morley, was acquitted owing to lack of evidence. Tsang Fui, summoned on two charges, was found guilty. The cigarettes and tobacco were found on him, and he was fined \$100. Inspector Rogers said that on Feb. 7 Pte. Morley was patrolling the frontier at Lo Wu when he saw three Chinese wading the stream. On approaching them, they threw their barbed wire and ran away.

Tsang came up and claimed the barbed wire. He then offered Pte. Morley a bribe of N.C.\$2,000 to let him pass. A member of the Commando, Pte. Morley, was charged with offering a bribe to Pte. Morley, of No. 6 Commando.

BROKE INTO P.O.

Reading guilty to a charge of breaking into the Kowloon Post Office with intent to commit a felony, Lion Hai was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

A postman, accused in the case, testified that the seals on three mail bags were torn off. Letters were sent to the office.

Accused said that he broke into the Post Office to try to get some sleep. His curiosity and the letter of him and he opened some of the mail bags.

PATRIOTIC THIEF

A thief with, apparently, patriotic leanings, stole a British flag, a Chinese national flag and a Kowloon flag from the Shing Shui Club in De Vaux Road yesterday. The thief also bagged two silk pictures.

BUTCHER STABBED

A butcher employed at the Kowloon Slaughter House was stabbed with a sharp instrument, apparently a dagger, in the abdomen and other parts of the body last evening. The man's condition is serious.

The forthcoming marriage of Dr. Fok Wing-kai of No. 48, Hong Kong Strand and Mrs. Lo Gan-ping of No. 23, Canal Road West is announced.

Readers' Letters

DISCRIMINATION!

Sir,—We were greatly surprised to read in your correspondence column yet further evidence of the discriminatory treatment meted out to personnel below the rank of officer.

Unless we are very much mistaken, the hot spot mentioned by your correspondent "A Mere Male" must be the Officers Club in the Gloucester Hotel, to which we of the hot hotel are denied admission.

What we want to know is why this class of entertainment should be specially reserved for the higher ups. We are all pretty sad and weary of Service life and anxious to get back to Civity Street, but while the situation remains that the authorities decree otherwise, we feel strongly that distinctions of this kind could and should be modified, and we should be given our fair share of what the Gods have given to all.

It will, of course, be apparent that we feel in respect to the sentiments expressed by "A Mere Male" that he has given vent to feelings of sheer perversity. This business of instructing people in what they should or not wear is to be deplored, from every angle of vision, and there is only one approach to those guilty of such vibrantly mental, and that is to be acutely sorry for them.

TWO LACS.

surroundings their own nature, and also the nature of things in general, will change for the better. If their illusion did not renew itself at need, no doubt it would be pathetic. But what delicious peeps it gives into the world of heart's desire! And when dull familiarity has once more asserted itself we are quite ready to think that the way to perfection lies, as Pater suggested, through a series of dispirits. At present, alas! there are so few houses that perfection is somewhat remote.

BEFORE THE FALL OF HONG KONG IN 1941 THE COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE COLONY HAD MANAGED TO ESTABLISH A SATISFACTORY CONTROL AGAINST MALARIA AFTER OVER 12 YEARS OF VERY HARD WORK. MALARIA AND DENGUE FEVER ARE AMONG THE DISEASES WHICH ARE TRANSMITTED BY CERTAIN TYPES OF INFECTED MOSQUITOES, AND IN ORDER TO GAIN A CONTROL THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURE IS TO INTERRUPT THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE MOSQUITO AND IF POSSIBLE EXTERMINATE THE INSECT.

Malaria was rampant in Hong Kong in 1930 as in many other parts of the Far East. A vigorous campaign was started to control the disease which proved to be most successful and in 1931 the incidence of malaria had dropped to a remarkably low level. The Japanese, however, during their occupation, did not continue with this work and when British Forces re-occupied the Colony in August and September, 1945, the situation had dropped back to almost 1930 levels.

The civil authorities were naturally unable to start immediately any control measures, through lack of trained personnel and equipment, and consequently the problem was left to the Armed Forces.

The problem in Hong Kong was far greater than anything which was envisaged in the earlier stages.

On arrival in Hong Kong during the first week of September, 1945, the Mobile Malaria Hygiene Unit was confronted with no mean task. Naturally there was an initial lack of organisation. The Commander-in-Chief was rapidly establishing his military government but many details were left to the individual officer to act as he saw fit. The Unit, as it was called, was a small group of men, but they were equipped with the best of modern equipment. The Unit was divided into three sections: a Medical Section, a Hygiene Section, and a Control Section. The Medical Section was responsible for the treatment of patients, the Hygiene Section for the control of the mosquito population, and the Control Section for the general supervision of the work.

The Japanese had left the place in a filthy condition and insects of every sort including flies, cockroaches, lice, bed bugs and mosquitoes were present in their thousands, not to mention hundreds of rats which were freely breeding in the ruins of damaged and demolished buildings.

All buildings which were to be used by the services as administrative offices and accommodation were thoroughly cleaned, and scrubbed out by means of Calceol, a powerful disinfectant, and closely followed by the members of the Mobile Malaria Hygiene Unit who treated them with the now well-known insecticide.

Another great asset in the control of malaria has been the spraying of insecticide from the air. Specially converted Venetian aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm have been used; these are adapted to their purpose by the fitting of tanks in the wings and bomb-bay which carry between them 350 gallons of D.D.T. solution in material. This spray has special advantages as it penetrates dense foliage and does not breed breeding places which might otherwise be missed.

Flat roosts in the town also provide numerous places which for the breeding of mosquitoes in gutters and collectors of rubbish; bombed sites are also a menace difficult to deal with. All these problems, which were impossible to solve by normal methods, were solved by the use of trained sanitarians and the like, have been dealt with by this new line of approach.

GOOD RESULTS The aircraft fly at 100 knots at a height of 75 feet spraying one gallon of insecticide per second from each tank.

This operation has been the first of its kind to be carried out by the Fleet Air Arm and has given very satisfactory results. Difficulties of the terrain have been overcome by the use of small, high manoeuvrable aircraft, and by the special training of F.A.A. pilots.

With all these Service resources it is estimated that the malaria situation in Hong Kong can be such that the civil authorities handed over to the greater part of the work completed, and that maintenance only will be required. It is hoped that by the next malarial season the disease will not present a serious menace to the health of the Colony.

On the 1st of September, 1945, the R.N. Mobile Malaria Hygiene Unit will set off, and so end an interesting new chapter in the history of the Naval Service.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT EX-PRO: We cannot sufficiently permit anonymous criticism of an individual who is readily identifiable. Ed.

SHELLBACKS Sir,—I would like to state that "Old Salt" has been misinformed as to the strength of the "Shellbacks". I can inform him that we are 36 in number, which comprises about 100 per cent. of the European crew expelling officers.

Could it not be that "Old Salt" is afraid of losing a "cashy job"? I, for my part, don't believe a merchant seaman could express such sentiments after six and a half years of "Red Taro".

As to the hospitality of the Hong Kong people, I have been here a number of times and have seen the hand of the residents, extended by any of the OLD SUGAR.

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Lady Ho Tung Memorial Service

The memorial service for Lady Ho Tung, which is sponsored by General Ho Ying-ching, Commander-in-Chief, Chinese Land Forces, Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, General Chang Fa-hsiang, Director of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Headquarters at Canton, General Lo Chou-ying, Kwangtung Provincial Governor, Admiral Csan Chak, Mayor of Canton, and other prominent Chinese leaders, will take place on Friday, February 15, at No. 8, Seymour Road, Hong Kong, the residence of Sir Robert Ho Tung.

The service will commence at 11.00 a.m., when prayers will be said by Bishop H. O. Hall, after which guests will make the customary "three bows" before the photograph of Lady Ho Tung. Photographs will be received from 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, Commander-in-Chief, in Hong Kong, has indicated his intention to be present at about 11.00 a.m.

C.N.C. Decline

Chinese national currency declined yesterday morning at HK\$4.40 to C.N.\$1.000 for spot transaction, and with a slight influence the market immediately began a downward movement, closing in the afternoon at \$4.22.

Future opened at HK\$4.22 to C.N.\$1.000 and the fall was even greater, for at this close there were sellers at \$3.53, a record drop of 32 points in a day. Bearish influence also prevailed in the gold market. On paper at \$567 per ton it immediately began to drop, touching as low as \$533 but recovered somewhat towards the end and closed at \$553.

U.S. dollars were in demand at \$6.70 and English Sterling and Australian pounds had buyers at \$19.20 and \$13.90 respectively.

FOUND IN BARRACKS

Chung Tsai, unemployed, was found over by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for being found in a prohibited area.

Sub-inspector P. J. Waldron said that at about 11 a.m. on Sunday accused was found inside Murray Barracks, which was surrounded by barbed wire. The prosecution was satisfied that accused had no suspicious intention.

Canton River Now Clear Of Mines

AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, THE ROYAL NAVY IN JANUARY COMMENCED MINESWEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE CANTON RIVER.

TRAFFIC IN THE PEARL RIVER WAS AT A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL, THE ONLY VESSELS WHICH COULD VENTURE THE JOURNEY WERE JUNKS, WHOSE SHALLOW DRAUGHT AND WOODEN BOTTOMS DID NOT ATTRACT MAGNETIC MINES.

With the completion of the sweeping, normal river traffic will be resumed on its pre-war scale.

The officer-in-charge, Commander S. P. Herivel, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N.V.R., outlining some of the difficulties which had been encountered, said the shallow depth of less than nine ft. in places eliminated the use of Fleet Minesweepers and B.Y.M.S. craft. Used were specially adapted landing-craft known as R.C.L.S., which could easily navigate in the shallow waters. These ships were commanded by Lieutenant C. G. Pilbeam, R.N.V.R.

One of the major difficulties was the fact that a large part of Pearl River is fresh water and this upsets the magnetic field created. Special equipment was used to overcome this obstacle. It was necessary to sweep the magnetic minefields four times to ensure the complete clearance of the area.

PLAYFUL FISHERMEN

Shifting sands caused dangerous, which marked the start of drift as much as half-a-mile overnight. Playful fishermen would move the buoys and use their coloured flags for domestic purposes. To overcome this problem seven-cwt weights were attached to the buoys to keep them in position. All the mines were American.

Chinese Chamber Of Commerce Claim

AN APPLICATION BROUGHT BY THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR RECOVERY OF THE PREMISES AT NO. 64, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS, FROM KWOK HING PAPER CO. WAS HEARD BEFORE A SPECIAL PANEL OF THE HONG KONG TENANCY TRIBUNAL AT THE SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY.

THE SPECIAL PANEL COMPRISED MR. R. CHILDE, CHAIRMAN, DR. A. M. RODRIGUES AND MR. E. ABRILIAN.

Mr. Y. K. Kan represented the applicant while Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was for the opponents. Mr. Kan said that applicants, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, were the owners of the premises in question. Before the war the ground and first floors were used by the Chamber and the rest of the house was let to different tenants.

During hostilities in Hong Kong an ammunition ship exploded in the harbour and houses along the waterfront and in the vicinity suffered, to a great extent, from the blast. As a result of this the tenants vacated the houses in that area.

Immediately after the Japanese occupation the "Nam Wah Yat Pao" (South China Daily News), which had offices at No. 64, moved into the second floor, and later took possession of the first floor. All this was done without consent of the landlord.

Mr. Kan said he was sure opponents would not dispute the fact the "Nam Wah Yat Pao" was a notorious pro-Nanking puppet paper and because of this was closed down at the outbreak of the war by Government.

TENANCY TRANSFERRED

This paper, Mr. Kan continued, being an influential body at the time, the Chamber was powerless to resist and nothing was done until August, 1942 when the Japanese Gendarmery ordered all firms that wished to carry on business to apply for a permit. One condition for the application was that a tenancy agreement with the landlord must also be furnished.

It was then that the "Nam Wah Yat Pao" approached the Chamber for a written tenancy which was signed. The terms were that the tenancy must not be transferred without previous consent of the landlord, and the rent was fixed at the nominal sum of Y100.

The paper remained in occupation until July 31, 1945 when it was notified to leave. The Chamber then received a letter stating that the paper had closed and that the tenancy had been transferred to applicants.

AIR O.C. FOR JAPAN

The Air Ministry announces the appointment of Air Vice-Marshal Cecil Arthur Boucher, C.B., D.F.C., to be Air Officer Commanding Air Group British Commonwealth Occupation Force, Japan.

In Japan his command will include British, Australian, New Zealand and Royal Indian Air Force Squadrons and he will be renewing contact with many United States and Dominion Air Force personnel, with whom he worked closely during the Battle of Britain and the air assault on Europe.

BANISHEE GUILTY

Cheung Tong, 32, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour on each charge by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for breach of the Denotation Ordinance and larceny.

Accused was arrested for stealing \$3 from a Chinese and when his record was checked, it was found he had been banished from the Colony in 1940 for a period of 10 years.

GAZETTE ORDER

By an Order appearing in yesterday's Gazette, all British deaths occurring during the period Nov. 24, 1941 to Dec. 15, 1945 inclusive, may at any time before Dec. 31, 1946 be registered without the formal consent of the Deputy Director of Medical Services and without payment of a fee. In the case of deaths which occurred during the war period, no death certificate is necessary for the purpose of registration.

SNATCHER GAOLED

Four months' hard labour was imposed on Kwong Kwong, 20, unemployed, by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Central Summary Military Court yesterday for snatching a fountain pen from a shop faki in Graham Street.

S.E.A.C. APPOINTMENT

The Air Ministry announces the appointment of Air Vice-Marshal James Donald Innis, M.B.E., O.B.E., D.F.C., to be Officer-in-Charge of Administration Air Command South-East Asia.

AVIATORS BURNED ALIVE

SHANGHAI, FEB. 13. TWO AGED CHINESE YESTERDAY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE AMERICAN MILITARY COMMISSION THAT THEY SAW THREE AMERICAN AVIATORS BEING BURNED ALIVE BY THE JAPANESE AT HANKOW IN DECEMBER 1944.

A Japanese Major-General and 17 of his subordinates are being charged with this crime at their trial which is the first held by Americans in the China Theatre. The murdered Americans were Lieut. Lester White, of Hicksville, Pennsylvania and Sergeant Henry Whetton, of Milwaukee, and James Forbes Junior, of Hartford, Connecticut.

The Japanese are charged with parading the three injured aviators about nude through Hankow's city streets for four hours and having soldiers to join in beating them. Finally, they were taken to the crematorium, beaten with sticks and firewood and thrown into the furnace.

The Chinese witnesses were Yang Teh-yao, who lives near the crematorium, and Sane Wanching, employed there. Major General Masataka Kabe, former chief of the Japanese 34th Army and his fellow defendant, all barked "no comment" when ordered to plead. Associated Press.

North China Food Shortage

Tientsin, Feb. 12. Striving to alleviate North China's increasing food problem, Lt. General Tu Li-ming, Chinese Commander in Manchuria, today suggested to the Mayors of Peiping and Tientsin to send buying commissions to Manchuria to purchase food for their cities. Food is cheaper and more plentiful there. Tu also recommended that it was "desirable" that the 1,500,000 Koreans in Manchuria be kept there and made Chinese citizens. He said Koreans produce more rice than the Chinese. Associated Press.

PERSIAN CONCESSION

Tehran, Feb. 13. Premier Ahmad Quavam Sal-tanah yesterday issued a decree continuing the military government control of the press and curfew regulations. Political parties, however, were granted freedom of assembly which was prohibited since last July. The Premier warned "I will not allow anyone to undermine public order and security." Associated Press.

Sudden End To Trial

Singapore, Feb. 12. S. C. Goh, well-known Indian lawyer prominently associated with the Indian Independence movement in its early stages, was released on bail from prison yesterday.

Goh, who is charged with treason and sedition, has been in detention since Oct. 22, 1945. The inquiry into the charges against Goh was postponed since the local lawyer of the British military administration stating that he preferred not to state any reasons and the defense counsel agreed.

The local adviser said the long detention of Goh by security police was not the fault of either the court or military authorities. When the prosecution was ready to proceed with the inquiry on Dec. 13 and again on Jan. 21, Goh's counsel applied for an adjournment. Associated Press.

Want Brains Of War Criminals

Washington, Feb. 12. If death is to be the verdict of the Allied War Crimes Courts now trying leaders of Japan and Germany, the United States Army's Pathological Institute wants to obtain the brains of the executed men.

Army doctors say they are anxious to make pathological studies of the various brains in the hope of learning more about the causes of criminal tendencies of human nature. Just how long army doctors will wish to study brains of executed war criminals is at present unforecastable, the institute says. Someday, after studies are completed, a brain collection might be exhibited. Associated Press.

JUDGMENT REVERSED

Cheyenne, Feb. 13. A case in which seven men of Japanese ancestry were convicted on charges that they aided and abetted evasion of registration for service in the armed forces while the nation was at war, was reversed by the United States district judge. The jury convicted all but one and sentenced them to prison but the circuit court of appeals reversed the judgement. Associated Press.

TENSION IN HANOI

State Of Anarchy Prevailing

37 Frenchmen Murdered

(By Stan Swinton).

HANOI, FEB. 12. AN EXPLOSIVE TENSION GRIPS THIS CITY OF 180,000 WHERE 20,000 FRENCHMEN ARE FORBIDDEN BY CHINESE OCCUPATION FORCES TO POSSESS ANY WEAPONS WHILE FULLY ARMED ANNAMITE SOLDIERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM CIRCULATE FREELY ON THE STREETS.

TWO RECENT INCIDENTS BROUGHT THE SITUATION TO A HEAD. ONE WAS THE MURDER OF STEPHEN IRNOUX, 65-YEAR-OLD FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENT. THE OTHER WAS THE ASSASSINATION OF JEAN MAYLIN, AN OFFICIAL OF THE BANK OF INDO-CHINA.

Official French figures show that at least 37 Frenchmen have been murdered in Hanoi since August. There were 52 cases of assault and robbery against Frenchmen in one month.

The French make almost daily protests to the Chinese since, according to them, the order forbidding Frenchmen to possess arms came last August from Gen. Ho Ying Chin, Commander of the Chinese Combat Command. The French say the only Chinese reply is that instructions are being awaited from higher Headquarters.

A French spokesman gave this picture of the situation: "Anarchy prevails throughout northern Indo-China. There is no effective police in the cities, no adequate coal production, no railroads in working condition. Furthermore, from the French viewpoint there has been no improvement in the situation in Tonkin China since the Japanese surrender. We can restore order in a short time if we are given permission to bring troops here—and we can do it without serious trouble if the Chinese agree to a joint occupation for a few weeks before they withdraw."

NO INDICATION

To date there has been no indication when the Chinese plan to pull out. At present, the Republic of Viet Nam, which ousted the Japanese puppet regime last August, operates civil administration throughout the region.

The Government of President Ho Chi Minh officially frowns upon assaults against individual Frenchmen and con-

siders the assailants criminals—but little has been done to stop them.

Chinese sentries are seen on every street—but so are armed Annamite soldiers. It is estimated that around 15,000 soldiers are in the Annamite army with about 3,000 of that number in and around Hanoi.

The French have 5,000 troops, including 800 men of the Foreign Legion, most of them recruited before the war in Shanghai. Their arms were seized by the Japanese last March 9th and they have never been permitted to rearm. In addition there are 15,000 French civilians in Hanoi and another 5,000 elsewhere in Tonkin China.

ANNAMITE RIVALRY Complicating the local situation is the bitter opposition between the Viet Minh Party, which is in power, and the more conservative Dong Minh. Although both are supporting the Republic of Viet Nam, each has its own flag and the danger of a clash is always present. Sharpening the conflict between the various factions is the looming threat of mass starvation because of the rice shortage in Tonkin China.

The French position also is affected by what they term "economic invasion" by Chinese merchants, who are seeking to purchase businesses, hotels and other local enterprises while Chinese occupation forces are still here. The exchange rate between the piastre and Chinese money is favorable to such Chinese expansion.

The local Chinese press is strongly anti-French in tone. Daily it charges the French with mistreatment of Chinese in Cholon, Saigon and other southern cities.

CHINESE CLAIMS The French are convinced the Chinese have no territorial aspirations in Tonkin China. Unofficially, they say the Chinese do want certain economic concessions. These include control of the Kuning-Haiphong railroad, conversion of Haiphong into a free port, freedom for Chinese to navigate the rivers and equal rights for Chinese civilians in the matter of taxation.

The greatest French fear is that the Chinese will withdraw before French troops arrive. This would pave the way for a possible massacre of the unarmed French by the violently anti-French Annamite revolutionaries.

At present Tonkin China remains in a period of transition. Political ferment exists everywhere and the sound of shots is heard nightly. Associated Press.

China's New Air Force

Honolulu, Feb. 12. Nearly 200 Chinese who came to the United States to learn to fly American planes against the Japanese are returning to their homeland to become the nucleus of the post-war Chinese air force.

The group, which is composed of 111 officers and 70 enlisted men, will sail in a few days from Honolulu for their homeland on the a.s. "President Buchanan." It includes engineers, pilots, technicians and bombardiers who have completed 1½ to two years' training. Many fought the Japanese before their selection for training.

Dr. Hollington K. Tong, special adviser to the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, told the group that their return was waited and that roles have been assigned to them.

Tong is en route to Washington after a brief visit to China. Associated Press.

Newsman To Visit U.S.

Washington, Feb. 12. A plan to invite newsmen to be guests and co-workers on several papers in the State of Virginia was presented to the office of International Information and Cultural Affairs of the United States State Department Assistant Secretary William Benton yesterday.

Suggested by the Virginian Press Association the plan would arrange for foreign visitors to accompany local newsmen on regular assignments and become thoroughly familiar with the desk and editorial procedure. The cost of its operation already has been volunteered by 33 member papers of the Association which is now discussing with the State Department the selection of foreign journalists and arrangements for their transportation to America. Benton promised full support and assistance of a plan "to spread first hand knowledge of the American way of life throughout the world." Associated Press.

ARABS DEFIANT

Jericho, Feb. 12. Jamal Effendi el Husseini, Chairman of the Palestine Arab Party, today said the Arabs will use a peaceful economic boycott "for several years" to combat Jewish plans to establish their homeland in Palestine.

Husseini, who is 54, returned last week after eight years of exile. In an interview he said the Arabs will not be bound by any decision of the British-American commission of inquiry into Jewish immigration "except in so far as they come near our demands." Associated Press.

LEAGUE'S ASSETS

London, Feb. 12. It was announced late yesterday that the joint report of the United Nations and the League of Nations Committee to turn the League's assets over to the new organization was expected to come before the General Assembly on Tuesday.

The Committee was also expected to suggest that the United Nations resume work immediately on the non-political activities of the old League including economic and financial statistics, health and opium control. Associated Press.

Smugglers Doing A Roaring Trade

SEOUL, KOREA, FEB. 12. A KOREAN SOURCE RELATED TO-DAY PARTIAL DETAILS OF A STRANGE, SECRET "FOREIGN TRADE" THAT HAS FLOURISHED BETWEEN KOREAN RICE RUNNERS AND JAPANESE SMUGGLERS IN VIOLATION OF ALLIED DIRECTIVE.

Hardy Korean boatmen operate from secluded inlets and hidden harbours along the 700-mile coastline of American-occupied Korea.

There is, however, only slight risk of apprehension, with the Korean coast guard still in the formative stage, but there is real peril to the small boats in the heavy seas, high wind and icy temperatures.

The incentive is big because Korean rice sells for 2,000 yen per sack here and it is worth 20,000 in Japan. Smugglers meet on the high seas, exchanging rice for Japanese commodities or Korean currency, which Japan formerly printed.

The Japanese apparently have concentrated recently on tangerines. At least Seoul's markets are flooded with them and tangerines don't grow in Korea. The fruit brings as high as seven yen apiece.

Some Koreans are believed to be operating an illegal ferry service for Japanese who are eager to return to Japan.

American officers acknowledge that smuggling is going on and they are attempting steps toward controlling it. Associated Press.

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CUTTING DOWN H.Q.'S War Minister's Statement On Reductions

Fukuhara Trial Charges

Yokohama, Feb. 12.
A radiogram expressing belief
that Corporal Walter R. John-
son was beaten to death at the
Omura prisoner of war camp by
Isao Fukuhara or at the latter's
direction was to-day read to the
War Crimes Commission trying
Fukuhara.

A message from Lt.-Col. Robert
W. Schott in response to a
request from the Commission in
the form of an affidavit, stated
that physical tortures were fre-
quent under the Fukuhara com-
mand. He stated that Johnson's
body was brought from the
guardhouse in a sealed wooden
box which an allied medical of-
ficer was not permitted to view.

Schott also stated that Private
William H. Knight died in the
guardhouse as a result of
physical torture and described
the beatings and tortures of
other prisoners by such means
as using bamboo splinters to
beat open prisoners' mouths and
making the prisoners kneel over
bamboo poles and supporting
weights with outstretched arms.
—Associated Press.

Breaking Up Jap Monopolies

Tokyo, Feb. 12.
Recommendations for breaking
the monopolies of the Zaitatsu
family in Japanese industry and
commerce are expected to be com-
pleted and submitted to General
MacArthur by the end of March.
It was announced yesterday by
the mission which is now investi-
gating the complicated business
conditions.

The mission head, Mr. Corvin
Edwards, said that his group was
making a painstaking research to
determine a means of achieving a
wider distribution of income and
aid Japanese economic develop-
ment along peaceful lines. —As-
sociated Press.

FAR EAST COMMISSION

San Francisco, Feb. 13.
The Far Eastern advisory
Commission arrived here en route
to Washington from Tokyo where
they conferred for three weeks
with General MacArthur and his
staff on Japanese economic and
military problems. Major General
McCoy, United States chair-
man of the group, said that the
delegates would report the re-
sults of their work to their
Governments. He said that a
Russian delegate would join the
group when it reconvenes in
Washington. —Associated Press.

Release Of Men In Group 27

LONDON, FEB. 13.

THE WAR MINISTER WAS ASKED BY MR. DRIEBERG,
LABOUR MEMBER FOR MALDON, IN THE
HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY IF HE WOULD
MAKE A STATEMENT SHOWING WHAT PRO-
GRESS HAD NOW BEEN MADE IN CUTTING
DOWN THE HEADQUARTERS ESTABLISHMENTS
IN THE OVERSEAS THEATRES.

MR. LAWSON SAID THAT REDUCTIONS MADE IN
ESTABLISHMENTS OF OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS
COMMANDED SINCE THE DAY VARIED BE-
TWEEN APPROXIMATELY 40 PER CENT IN THE
CASE OF B.A.O.R. AND C.M.F. AND 15 PER CENT
IN THE CASE OF SMALLER HEADQUARTERS.
THOSE STAFFS WERE ALREADY REDUCED
BEFORE THE DAY, BECAUSE THEY HAD NO OPERA-
TIONAL COMMITMENT. THIS REPRESENTED
AN OVERALL REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY
31 PER CENT.

Sir Ronald Ross, Conservative
for Londonderry, asked the
Minister to bear in mind that
the work of the welfare branch
had rather increased and that
their staffs therefore should not
be reduced.

Mr. Lawson said that he would
bear that in mind, adding that
he watched their welfare very
closely.
Major Thurton, Conservative
for Thirsk and Malton, enquired
if they were to understand that
the large Headquarters in Cairo
was one of smaller staffs, only
cut by 15 per cent.

Mr. Lawson replied that the
staff at Cairo had received
special attention in the last few
weeks.
Replying to Colonel Dover,
Conservative for Penrith and
Cockermouth, Mr. Lawson said
that if he would tell him
where highly placed officers were
doing very little, he could pay
attention to the matter.

FAR EAST DEMOBILISING
The War Minister was asked
by Captain Crowder, Conserva-
tive for Finchley, if he was yet
in a position to announce the
dates for the demobilisation of
the men in Groups 27 and up-
wards. Mr. Lawson said in a
written reply that the Minister
of Labour would be making a
statement in the next day or
two concerning all three ser-
vices.

Mr. Lawson was asked by Mr.
Dumpleton, Labour member for
St. Albans, whether he was
aware that the Adjutant-Gen-
eral had recently announced in
Batavia that demobilisation
might be slowed down and whe-
ther he would reconsider this
decision and dispel the dissatis-
faction it had caused.

The War Minister in a writ-
ten reply said: "The Adjutant-
General is on his way back from
his overseas tour and I am not
yet aware of the precise terms
of any statement he may have
made on any particular subject.
I am confident however that he
will have made no statement
which conflicts with the War Of-
fice policy."

"As it has been made clear
on numerous occasions, demo-
bilisation is proceeding and will
continue to proceed as rapidly
as governing factors allow." —
Reuter.

Puzzling Syria Move

Damascus, Feb. 12.
Prime Minister S. Al Aghabris
and two members of the Syrian
high command left hurriedly for
Palmyra yesterday for discussions
with Bedouin Sheikh who may
portend new Arab policies in ex-
plosive Middle Eastern affairs.

En route the Prime Minister
and his companions, Colonel Ab-
dullah Al Aghabris, Commander-in-
Chief of the Syrian army, and
Colonel Herant, reviewed Syrian
troops at Salimiyeh near Hama.
Reports said that Bedouins had
taken their children from school
at Hama and gone with them into
the desert. The Hama correspon-
dent of the Damascus newspaper
"An-Nasr" said that he could not
confirm the rumour.
Cattle traders returning from
the desert reported a convoy of
foreign automobiles at Wadi
Lamnah where Kin tribes have
been assembling. — Associated
Press.

Warsaw, Feb. 13.
Polish Jews who waited for
the first national assembly since
war began, prepared a plea to
the Anglo-American Commission
of inquiry to hasten their emigra-
tion to Palestine. The delegation
informed the Commission that
Jews wanted to go to Palestine
to build a national Jewish State
for there was "nothing but per-
sonal tragedy left here." — As-
sociated Press.

Military Law In Iran Modified

Teheran, Feb. 12.

Iranian military rule which
has been in effect for the past
six months was partly modified
yesterday as Premier Qavam es-
Sultaneh decreed freedom of as-
sembly for political parties but
retained strict government control
over matters of security and the
Press.

The decree was quoted in a
radio speech by the newly ap-
pointed Prince Firouz, Under-
Secretary of State for Politics
and Director of Irongranda, who
said the action was taken to
permit political assembly "in
conformity with the constitution
of Iran and the clauses of the
United Nations Charter."

The Premier warned in the
decree that he would not "permit
anyone to undermine public order
and security" and "any person
found guilty of such action will
be punished in the severest pos-
sible manner."

Curfew restrictions are to re-
main in force, and places in
which political meetings may be
held will be kept under a military
guard.
Firouz said of the Premier,
that he had changed radically
the nation's internal and foreign
policy in the few days he has had
power. He referred to friendly
relations received from the great
Powers and particularly to one
received from Premier Stalin. —
Associated Press.

New View Of "Winds" Signal

Washington, Feb. 12.

Admiral Royal Ingersoll told
Pearl Harbor investigators yester-
day that the Navy had inter-
cepted the Japanese "winds"
message signifying a diplomatic
crisis with the United States in
December, 1941, but it was of
"no importance" because it was
already known that Tokyo had
ordered Japanese diplomats in
the United States to destroy their
visas.

The code destruction order, of
which word was sent to the
Pacific Fleet in December, 1941,
was unmistakably a sign that
hostilities were impending. In-
gersoll said, declaring that "it
did not mean a rupture of diplo-
matic relations—it meant war."

Ingersoll was then War As-
sistant Chief of Naval Operations
and when the war came he was
Commander of the Atlantic
Fleet. — Associated Press.

Army Newsmen Protest

Tokyo, Feb. 12.

The managing director and a
featured columnist of the "Stars
and Stripes" who recently joined
a staff protest against censorship,
have been notified they were re-
moved from duty and the staff has
sent a request to General Mac-
Arthur for full investigation.

Sgt. Kenneth Inouye, Chicago
and Seattle managing editor, and
Sgt. Bernard Rubin, Waterbury,
Conn. columnist, told correspon-
dents that Colonel John F. Davis
informed the action resulted from
a negative report on a loyalty
check.

Davis, who is head of the in-
formation and education section
under whose supervision the paper
was published, confirmed that the
men had been ordered to be trans-
ferred to the Okinawa replace-
ment depot and said he ordered it
because "they did not fulfill qual-
ifications for their jobs." — As-
sociated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

The situation shown in to-day's
hand is rather a common one, yet
many players rest their alarms
crossed as did East and West:

East, Dealer					
East-West vulnerable					
B. 10 9 5					
H. Q 9 2					
D. K Q J 8					
C. K 10 8					
B. Q 6 4 2					
H. A 7 0 3					
D. 5 2					
C. Q 6 3					
B. A 6					
H. K J 10 5					
D. 7 4					
C. A 9 6 4 2					
B. K J 7 5					
H. 8 4					
D. A 10 6 5					
C. J 7					

The bidding:
East. South. West. North
1C. 1D. 2C. 2D.
Pass. Pass. Pass. 3D.

West led the three of clubs,
dummy played the eight, East
suspiciously covered with the nine,
and South won with the club Jack.
Without even pausing to draw
trumps, South returned the seven
of clubs, finessing dummy's ten.
East took the club Ace and
found himself unable to decide on
the correct continuation. West's
free clubs raise located either the
spade King or heart Ace in his
hand, but which? I order to find
out, East laid down the spade Ace.
If West had the spade King, East
reopened, he would signal en-
couragement; then East could ruff
the third round of spades and wait
for a heart trick to develop.

But West was asleep at the
switch. Obviously South was try-
ing to get a discard on dummy's
club King, and just as obviously
there was no way to prevent him
from discarding a spade—if that
would do him any good. But
West's heart Ace and his partner's
heart bid made it clear that a
speedy shift to hearts could pre-
vent a heart discard. Therefore
West should have played the dis-
carding device of spades to in-
duce a shift to hearts.

Instead West signalled for a
spade continuation by playing the
eight of spades. That gave South
the hand, for he took the spade
continuation with his King, drew
trumps, and discarded a heart on
the King of Clubs. He then cheer-
fully conceded a spade and one
heart, making his contract.

Yesterday you were Howard
Schenken's partner and, with both
sides vulnerable, you held:

S.—A K J 10 9 6	
H.—Q 10 4 2	
D.—8	
C.—J 4	

The bidding:
Maier. You. Jacoby Schenken
3 D. (7)

Answer: Bid three spades. Even
if your partner has nothing, your
hand should produce at least five
spade tricks and a heart or two,
so no great harm can develop from
your overcall. The three spades
show the nature of your hand
more precisely than a double
would.

Score 100 per cent for three
spades, 60 per cent for double.

QUESTION

To-day you are David Bruce
Burnstone's partner and, with
both sides vulnerable, you hold:

S.—A K J 9 5	
H.—K J 4 2	
D.—3	
C.—A J 4	

The bidding:
Maier. You. Jacoby Burnstone
3 D. (7)

What do you bid? (Answer
To-morrow.)

Jap Ingenuity Too Late

Batavia, Feb. 12.

Americans exploring old Ba-
tavia's dockwards have discovered
that the Japanese had a new
plan for shipping rubber over-
seas. They were apparently
preparing to float it from Batavia
to Japan, moulded in huge chunks
resembling whales, and with rings
cut into the nose and tail to
make transportation possible.

One of these rubber whales
found by Americans and ready
for launch weighed 360 tons, is
160 feet long, 14 feet broad and
7 feet thick. — Associated Press.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

PROCLAMATION NO. 4

DELEGATION OF POWERS (AMENDMENT)

ARTICLE 3

REGULATION NO. 1 PRICE CONTROL

NOTICE

In exercise of the powers con-
ferred upon me by a Delegation
dated the 13th day of February
1946, and in conformity with
paragraph 2—Proclamation No. 4
—Delegation of Powers (Amend-
ment)—Regulation No. 1—Price
Control, I, WILLIAM GERALD
WORMAL, Lt.-Col., Civil Affairs,
Supplies Transport and Industry,
DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE
that the following item is added
to the Schedule contained in the
said Regulation No. 1:

SCHEDULE

Commodity

Canned corned beef

Maximum Retail Price

\$6.50 per 6-lb. tin

GIVEN under my hand at
HONG KONG this 13th day of
February, 1946.

W. G. WORMAL,

Lt.-Col., (C.A.),

Supplies, Transport & Industry.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

LEGAL BRANCH

NOTICE

LIST OF AUTHORISED AUDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that in pursuance of Section 131
(3) of the Companies Ordinance,
1932, a list in two parts, con-
taining the names of all persons
who are authorised by the Chief
Civil Affairs Officer to perform
the duties required by the said
Ordinance to be performed by an
auditor, is in course of prepara-
tion.

The first part of the list will
contain the names of persons
authorised to audit accounts kept
in English, and the second part
will contain the names of persons
authorised to audit accounts kept
in Chinese.

Applications for inclusion in
either part of the said list should
be submitted to the Acting Regis-
trar of Companies, Courts of
Justice, not later than the 28th
day of February, 1946.

Applications from persons whose
names were not included in the
authorised list published in the
Hongkong Government Gazette on
the 28th July, 1941, must contain
the name and address of the
applicant and particulars of his
qualifications.
Dated this 14th day of February,
1946.

H. A. de BARROS BOTELHO,
Acting Registrar of Companies
Courts of Justice.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME

We Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
of Pedder Street hereby give
notice that in consequence of a
desire to change her present
name.

We have applied to the Board
of Trade, under section 47 of the
Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in
respect of the Motorboat "EW-
Xi" of Hong Kong

Official Number 179775 of
Gross Tonnage 10.77 tons Regis-
ter tonnage 5.78 tons, heretofore
owned by us in the permission
to change her name to "EIGH-
WAYMAN" and to have her
registered in the new name at the
Port of Hong Kong as owned
by us.

Any objection to the proposed
change of name must be sent to
the Registrar of Shipping at
Hong Kong within seven days
from the appearance of this
advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong this 11th
day of February, 1946.

(Sd.) JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.

NOTICE

The American President Lines,
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have removed from the
National City Bank Building
to permanent Offices on the
Ground Floor of St. George's Bldg.
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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

LEGAL BRANCH

NOTICE

COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1932.

The Companies Registry is
now open for registration of
new companies, filing annual re-
turns and generally for the
transaction of business.

The following registers and
books have been recovered:

- 1 roll of Public and Private
companies;
- 1 Limited Partnership Regis-
ter;
- 1 Chinese Limited Partner-
ship Register;
- 1 Register of Trust Com-
panies;
- 7 Registers of Mortgages.

On the other hand none of the
files of companies, other than
those relating to companies
which re-registered during the
Japanese occupation, have been
recovered so far and it is feared
they may have perished. It is
not known how far companies
can supply this serious lacuna.
It is obvious that if they cannot,
legislation will be necessary.
In order to be able to consider
the form of such legislation, all
companies which were registered
on the 24th December, 1941,
and are now carrying on or in-
tend to resume business in the
Colony are asked to furnish the
following particulars to the Re-
gistrar of Companies:

1. Name of the Company;
2. Names of persons acting as
Directors of the Company;
3. Name of person acting as
Secretary of the Company;
4. Registered office;
5. Whether in possession or
able to obtain:
 - (a) copies of Memorandum
and Articles of Asso-
ciation;
 - (b) Share register;
 - (c) Register of Charges;
 - (d) Copies of Annual Re-
turns since the incor-
poration of the Com-
pany;
 - (e) Copies of:—
 - (i) Special resolutions;
 - (ii) Extraordinary resolu-
tions;
 - (iii) Resolutions which have
been agreed to by
all the members of a
Company, but which, if
not so agreed to, would
not have been effective
for their purpose unless,
as the case may be, they
had been passed as
special resolutions or as
extraordinary resolu-
tions;
 - (iv) Resolutions or agree-
ments which have been
agreed to by all the
members of some class of
shareholders, but which,
if not so agreed to, would
not have been effective
for their purpose unless
they had been passed by
some particular ma-
jority or otherwise in
some particular manner,
and all resolutions or
agreements which effec-
tively bind all the mem-
bers of any class of
shareholders though not
agreed to by all those
members.

While it is not proposed to
penalise companies and direc-
tors who are endeavouring, in
difficult circumstances, to com-
ply with the law, it is obvious
that the present position cannot
be allowed to continue.

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NEXT CHANGE DEANNA DURBIN in "HIS BUTLER'S SISTER"

Canton Spokesman On Racing Jack To Normal

CANTON, FEB. 13. A CANTON MILITARY HEADQUARTERS SPOKESMAN ADDED THE LATEST CHAPTER YESTERDAY TO THE WAR-LIKE CONTROVERSY OVER WHETHER THE FORCES WHICH CALL THEMSELVES THE EAST RIVER COLUMN ARE REGULAR COMMUNISTS, IRREGULARS OR "BANDITS."

The spokesman told an interviewer that the Canton military had not received any order from the high command in Chungking to recognize the armed elements in Kwangtung and Kwangsi under the "cease fire" agreement between the Communists and the National Government.

He was commenting on a Chungking dispatch that Gen. Chang Fa-kwei had refused to recognize the existence of Communists in the two provinces and was continuing suppression activities against the armed irregulars.

The spokesman declared that soldiers "we have to obey our superior, and when we are told they are not regular units, we have to act accordingly." He alleged that they had no regular army organization, training or uniforms, and "their source of income is by looting and collection of protection fees. We consider such elements as brigands to be suppressed. Furthermore, they recently were reinforced by puppet troops."

The East River Column has issued statements recently objecting violently to being labeled as "bandits" and charging the Nationalists with bad faith. Its spokesmen contended they should have been recognized as Communist forces under the truce agreement. — Associated Press.

CONDITIONS IN JEWISH CAMPS

Nuremberg, Feb. 13. Two members of the Anglo-American Commission studying Germany's Jewish problems attended the morning session of the International Tribunal yesterday and later saw a special showing of concentration camps.

The commissioners, Bartley Crum of the United States and Sir Frederick Leeger of Britain, were the guests of Judge Francis Biddle of the Tribunal.

Yesterday afternoon they were to visit a Jewish displaced persons camp at the nearby farm of defendant Julius Streicher. Crum and Leeger have visited half a dozen Jewish camps in the American zone and conferred with the liberated Jews Central Committee at Munich. They will go to Prague today to observe the conditions of Jews there. — Associated Press.

MARINES ASKED TO QUIT

Tientsin, Feb. 13. Posters urging the American Marines to seek an immediate return to the United States "for the sake of maintaining permanent peace between China and the United States" appeared north-east of Tientsin.

Signed by the Department of Politics for the Chihliang military district of emancipated China, the posters praised the Marines' Pacific battle record but said that while the Marines came to North China to liberate the Japanese troops "in reality you have conspired with the enemy to help the Kuomintang." They expressed the hope that the Marines would "not be the Kuomintang to invade us and thus provoke civil war." — Associated Press.

PACIFIC BALL TITLE

Honolulu, Feb. 13. The Saitan baseball team won the Pacific Ocean area title and a spot in the Navy Pacific Olympic finals by defeating Kwaialein by four to one. Navy news reported. — Associated Press.

New Era In Sport

London, Feb. 13. Rapid advancement in air travel has opened up a new era in international sport.

Already American sport chiefs are negotiating for individual athletes, and even whole teams, from Europe to fly the Atlantic to compete in the United States.

The Derby County Football Club plans to fly to Australia this summer for a short soccer tour of the Dominion.

British and continental boxers are regularly flying to and from across the Channel for international contests.

The latest recruits to "airborne" sportsmen are Australian cricketers. Following the return of the Australian Services side from India news comes that the Australian team to tour New Zealand in March will fly across the Tasman Sea.

It has not been stated so far that the M.C.C. side for Australia will fly there next autumn. If they did, nearly two months would be knocked off the time taken for the tour. England to Australia by air takes three days; by sea four to five weeks.

Test tours of England and Australia now need an absence from home of about eight months. By air this could be reduced to six and injured players could be replaced within a few days.

The secretary of the M.C.C., Colonel R. H. Rait, believes air travel to Australia next autumn unlikely, as the sea voyage is still for team-building and gives players a rest in sunshine before starting to play cricket again. In addition, there is the question of heavy baggage, which could hardly be taken by players if they decided to fly the journey. — Reuter.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN CANARD

Moscow, Feb. 13. The Russian newspaper "Red Star" and "Izvestia" yesterday published dispatches from Teheran telling of the arrival of what was described as a large number of British officers and troops in the Iranian capital city.

The immediate Russian reaction to the Tass news agency reports from Teheran of the arrival was one of surprise, since it had been reported that British troops were being withdrawn from Iran, and especially from Teheran. The British Embassy here said it had no information, adding that it was also believed that troops were being withdrawn under the Anglo-Russian-Iranian treaty which called for their immediate withdrawal. — Associated Press.

AMOY CLEAR

Chungking, Feb. 13. A dispatch from Amoy on the South China Coast reported yesterday that the repatriation of Japanese prisoners of war and civilians there has been completed.

It said the Japanese were transported to Japan in four ships sent to Amoy by General MacArthur. — Associated Press.

CIVILIAN TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent civilians in their Football Shield Competition: — Leck: B. Gosano and A. Alves; G. Gosano, C. Collaco and Archibald; M. Xavier, R. Rocha, Watson, Hunter and T. Alves. Reserves: — A. Leonard, J. Pereira and A. W. Canton.

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Racing Jack To Normal

London, Feb. 13. Racing enthusiasts had the first thrill of the year with the announcement of the flat-racing fixtures for the first-half of the season.

Racing is almost back to normal, with racing every week-day from April 1 onward, apart from an occasional blank Monday.

The Derby is back to Epsom on June 5 and there is to be a special three-day Ascot meeting in June. The Ascot, though it will be truly Royal with a Royal procession, will still be an Ascot, as the Ascot secretary, Colonel Sir Arthur Espinasse, says a return to the full glories is out of the question this year.

It will be noted that it is also only three days instead of four, "Ladies' Day" having been dropped.

This first classic of the season, the Two Thousand Guineas, is on April 1, as usual at Newmarket. While no date has yet been given for the St. Leger, it will, as before the war, be held on the famous course at Doncaster early in September.

The only big race to be run "away from home" will be the Eclipsa Stakes, which is often the richest race of the season. It will run this season at Ascot, as the usual venue Sandown Park is still under reconstruction. — Reuter.

BIDAULT PREDICTION

London, Feb. 13. French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault predicted yesterday the failure of the Soviet Ukrainian demand that the U.N.O. Security Council set up a commission to investigate conditions in Indonesia. He said the Ukrainian delegation cannot get votes necessary for its resolution and suggested Council President N. J. O. Makin might dispose of the case simply by issuing a statement noting the arguments had been presented and that the Dutch Government is negotiating directly with Indonesian nationalists for a settlement of their independence claims. — Associated Press.

U.N.O. AND TRADE UNIONS

London, Feb. 13. The Political and Security Committee of the United Nations yesterday approved and passed on to the General Assembly a United States proposal to permit international trades union groups to collaborate with the Economic and Social Council. The proposal affects the claims of the World Federation of Trade Unions and the American Federation of Labour, and was approved by the committee in a paragraph by paragraph, phrase by phrase vote after a month of debate before various United Nations groups. — Associated Press.

VILLA THROUGH

London, Feb. 13. Aston Villa, co-favorites with Derby County for the Football Association Cup-to-day eliminated Chelsea 2-0. Playing at Villa Park, in the fifth round return match, Aston Villa scored the only goal of the game. — Reuter.

ORIENTAL

4 SHOWS: 2.30-5.15-7.15-9.15

Commencing To-Day

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SATURDAYS TILL NOON

RIOTS IN TWO CITIES

Indian Rioting Spreads To Bombay

South China Shortage

Washington, Feb. 13. The United States Department of Agriculture said that China will experience inadequate food supplies in 1946 but the crisis will be partially offset by such favourable factors as the end of war, truce between the Communists and Nationalists and the UNRRA programme.

In addition to UNRRA foodstuffs, China will be in the market for an estimated 1,350,000 short tons of food, but it is unlikely that such an amount of imports will be available, the report said.

It is hoped for the imports to include 600,000 tons of rice (400,000 tons for Kwangtung province), 300,000 tons of wheat and 150,000 tons of wheat flour. The most deficient areas are reported chiefly in Kwangtung province and certain interior places such as Hunan province, the report said, "while reports concerning Shanghai indicate that the rice supply is sufficient for food consumption needs but there is insufficient wheat and wheat flour." Associated Press.

P.P.C. MEETING IN MARCH

Chungking, Feb. 13. The People's Political Council will open a new session in Chungking on March 20, it was reported here today.

The Council is an advisory body without primary powers and in the past had recommended to the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang. It consists predominantly of Kuomintang members with a sprinkling of members of Communists and other parties.

Although the Council only made recommendations, it is nevertheless a valuable sounding board for public opinion and in past sessions some of the highest Ministers in the Government were severely criticised in open meetings for their inefficiency. Associated Press.

CLASHES STOP

Chungking, Feb. 13. A dispatch from Chungking, capital of Jehol province, yesterday reported the cessation of all isolated clashes which had been occurring at Pingchen, 40 miles to the east.

The dispatch said this was achieved through the efforts of a truce team sent by the Sino-American Executive Headquarters at Peiping. Associated Press.

Fascist Propaganda Bogy Of Soviets

LONDON, FEB. 13. SOVIET VICE-COMMISSAR ANDREI VISHINSKY TOLD THE UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY LAST NIGHT THAT "FASCIST PROPAGANDA," WHICH "IS JUST A PRELUDE TO ACTION," MUST BE WIPED OUT IN REFUGEE CAMPS WHERE HE SAID "COLLABORATORS" ARE PREPARING A "CALL TO REASON."

VISHINSKY CARRIED TO THE ASSEMBLY FLOOR THE SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL SOVIET FIGHT TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL COMMITTEES WHICH ADOPTED A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS LOOK INTO THE WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES.

He insisted that the assembly include three Soviet amendments: "That no propaganda should be permitted in refugee and displaced persons camps against the interests of the organization of the United Nations or of its members and no propaganda against returning to their native countries."

"That the personnel of the camps should first of all be comprised of representatives of States concerned whose citizens are the refugees."

"That quislings, traitors and war criminals as persons who degraded themselves by collaboration in any form with the enemies of the United Nations, should not be regarded as refugees who are entitled to protection of the United Nations. These should be returned to their countries immediately."

BITTER BATTLE "No one cares if some people refuse to return to their countries to help patriots with reconstruction," the Soviet Vice-Commissar declared. "Let them stay away,

Hunger March In Allahabad

BOMBAY, FEB. 13. MOSLEMS FLOCKED THROUGH THE STREETS OF BOMBAY YESTERDAY IN PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1921 THE MOSLEMS DEMONSTRATED UNDER THEIR OWN LEADERSHIP. IN RECENT YEARS ALL DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE BRITISH AND THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN ALMOST SOLIDLY HINDU AND LARGELY UNDER THE CONTROL OF CONGRESS.

The demonstrations yesterday started the previous day in Calcutta, where 10 were reported killed, and spread to Bombay. They were in protest against sentencing of Capt. Abdul Rashid, officer of the Indian national army.

Of all the I.N.A. officers so far brought to trial, Rashid is the only one whose sentence was not wholly commuted by the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Claude Auchinleck. His sentence was reduced from exile for life to seven years' imprisonment.

The Bombay demonstrators, after a disorderly beginning, quieted down to an orderly parade of many thousands and ended in a mass meeting.

Participants in the parade shouted: "Down with Britain!" and carried banners of "Down with the Commander-in-Chief!"

FAMINE UNREST Some observers said it was a demonstration of potentially violent opposition from a sector of

the Indian population which all during the war had remained quiet.

The demonstrations in Bombay and Calcutta were only new evidences of Indian discontent on many fronts. From many quarters came complaints of tight administration of the dollar pool and accusations of Government misadministration of food controls, as well as a general doubt of Britain's intentions toward Indian independence.

The threatening famine is also causing war unrest. British officials in India have given clear evidence that they recognize the danger of allowing the shortage to grow into a full-scale famine. Indian leaders have declared that a revolt may grow out of any famine that may develop.

At Allahabad, 50,000 hunger marchers paraded through the streets yesterday. Associated Press.

EGYPTIAN DEMONSTRATIONS

CAIRO, FEB. 13. TWO STUDENTS WERE REPORTED KILLED IN ALEXANDRIA AND SIX WERE HURT AND 12 ARRESTED IN CAIRO IN DEMONSTRATIONS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF BRITISH TROOPS IN EGYPT.

VIOLENCE BROKE OUT HERE WITH A STICK-SHOUTING, STONE-FLINGING BATTLE BETWEEN STUDENTS AND POLICE AT A BLOCKED BRIDGE OVER THE NILE, AND SUBSIDED LATE IN THE DAY AS STUDENTS RAISED THE RED FLAG OVER THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AT FOUD UNIVERSITY.

Leaflet showers over the school area urged students to start a revolution among the workers.

"Down with the conqueror! Down with the upper class!" the leaflets said.

Students protected distributors of the pamphlets from university police. At Foud university the students tore down the bunting and flags put up for the ceremonies at which King Farouk later dedicated the opening of a new university playground. They ripped the flags to shreds and

wrapped remnants around their bodies, shouting: "Fight the English and not your brothers."

BAND STONED

They stoned the army band which had shown up for the ceremonies and riddled a fire brigade which appeared to extinguish a blaze they had started. When the fire appeared, most of the demonstrators had left.

More than 6,000 demonstrators were involved in the battle earlier in the day when they attempted to cross the Nile lift downtown Cairo.

The deaths in Alexandria were reported to have occurred during a similar stone and club battle. Associated Press.

No Enemy To Remain

Singapore, Feb. 13. No Japanese, Korean and Formosan civilians will be permitted to remain in Malaya, according to a statement by the British Military Administration.

All such enemy civilians will evacuate in the same manner as Japanese personnel, and no application for permission to remain in Malaya on compassionate grounds will be entertained.

All Japanese, Koreans and Formosans, civilians or military personnel, at present living outside concentration camps have been ordered to report to their respective camps forthwith.

Persons failing to comply with these instructions, on arrest, will be locked up in the Changi jail, while legal action will be taken against persons harbouring, or conniving with the evasion of these instructions. Reuter.

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LONDON, FEB. 13. Prime Minister Attlee announced today the appointment of Air Chief Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas as the Royal Air Force as Commander-in-Chief of British forces in Germany, succeeding Field Marshal Lord Bernard Montgomery, who is the new Chief of the Imperial General Staff. Associated Press.

Food Crisis In India

Washington, Feb. 13. The United States State Department said yesterday that the food crisis in India, and particularly the imminent famine in the Madras region, have been under consideration by American officials and representatives of the International Food Board.

A State Department spokesman said the Food Control Board in reply to inquiries from the State Department, stated that the Indian food crisis was getting "immediate attention."

The spokesman said a letter from Asquith Singh, secretary in Washington for the National Committee for India's freedom, calling attention to India's famine threat had been answered, and added:

"It did not take this letter to bring the Indian crisis to the attention of the United States. The emergency there was already under consideration here."

A spokesman for the International Food Board said India would be aided through Board resources along with other undernourished peoples of the world.

The United States Department of Agriculture officials indicated that an announcement regarding India might be forthcoming. Associated Press.

M.P.'S BACK FROM INDIA

London, Feb. 13. Members of the British Parliamentary delegation to India returned here yesterday to report that there "seems to be a possibility of cooperation between labour and political parties in India."

This opinion came from W. R. Sorenson, as the group was met at Victoria Station by Under-Secretary of State for India Arthur Henderson.

Brigadier A. R. W. Low said the delegation was "very much impressed with the change of feeling during the last three weeks" and that the Viceroy Lord Wavel was working to reach a solution of Indian internal problems based on the major Indian parties working together.

The Parliamentary delegation, including Mrs. W. M. Nichols, Professor D. Richards and Major W. L. Wyatt, is scheduled to report to the Prime Minister today.

Mrs. Nichols said the food situation in India was serious but "we shall be helping India to overcome her difficulties."

Replica Of Nazi War Machine In Argentina

WASHINGTON, FEB. 13. THE UNITED STATES WARNED THE WORLD TODAY THAT THE NAZIS HAVE BUILT IN ARGENTINA A COMPLETE COPY OF THE ECONOMIC WAR MACHINE THEY HAD IN GERMANY. P.S. SESSING ALL THE ESSENTIALS FOR REORGANIZATION OF THEIR AGGRESSIVE POWER WHILE THE ALLIES ARE OCCUPYING THE HOMELAND, THE WARNING WAS CONTAINED IN A 40,000 WORD "BLUE BOOK" WHICH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT ISSUED TO WESTERN HEMISPHERE GOVERNMENTS AS PART OF THE CURRENT INTER-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS ON THE BUENOS AIRES REGIME.

The State Department said the Blue Book, being distributed less than two weeks before the Argentine elections, was based largely on captured German documents.

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Colonials Protest

Nairobi, Feb. 13. Delegates from all parts of Tanganyika, meeting under the auspices of the British Association of Tanganyika, protested that the British Government's decision would place that African territory under the United Nations trusteeship.

They demanded that the territory be made a British Colony. Associated Press.

Boost For British Loan

Washington, Feb. 13. Secretary of State James Byrnes yesterday said the projected \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain would provide "tangible firm gains for the United States and for the rest of the world."

"What we gain is a chance of expanding world trade and freedom for goods and money to flow where they may for a prosperous world," Byrnes told the Foreign Policy Association.

Byrnes said he believed some of the most significant American benefits would come from the pledge to support United States trade goals contained in the British White Paper issued simultaneously with the loan proposal.

The White Paper calls for collective action by the United Nations on all trade barriers to promote freer flow of goods in post-war world commerce.

He denied the British loan would require the United States to extend similar credits to other governments.

"This credit is not a precedent for anything. It is unique because the position of Britain in world trade, her need for a working capital and the effect upon world trade of her acquiring that working capital are all unique." Associated Press.

WORLD SPLIT

Buenos Aires, Feb. 13. Colonel Juan Peron, candidate for the Argentine presidency, said today that Argentina is part of the Anglo-American bloc which he believes is lined up against the influence of Soviet Russia.

The former Vice-President said the world has become aligned in two power groups.

Peron extended to foreign industrialists and capitalists an invitation to settle in Argentina. Associated Press.

Nuernberg Trial

VON PAULUS BLOW FOR DEFENSE

NUERNBERG, FEB. 13. FIELD-MARSHAL FRIEDRICH VON PAULUS TOLD THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL YESTERDAY THAT GERMANY HAD COMMITTED SO MANY CRIMES OF AGGRESSION IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR HITLER TO CONCEIVE THEM ALL ALONE.

THIS TESTIMONY WAS A BLOW TO THE DEFENSE WHICH HAD BEEN SEEKING TO ESTABLISH THAT HITLER ALONE OR WITH THE AID OF A SMALL INNER CIRCLE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL OBJECTIVES OF THE NAZIS.

Earlier von Paulus had asserted that the German High Command had little choice but to execute Hitler's personal plan for his attack on Russia. The bitterness of his defeat at Stalingrad echoed every line of his 12-page confession.

Paulus wrote during his confinement in an unidentified prison camp in Russia on Jan. 9, 1946, that General Jodi had boasted at a Wehrmacht conference before the Russian invasion that "three weeks after our attack the whole house of cards will collapse."

Paulus charged that Goering had abandoned the German Sixth Army after promising to supply the encircled force by air. Goering, Jodi and Keitel were accused by Paulus of special blame for prolonging the war after the Stalingrad catastrophe, but Paulus himself shouldered the blame for considerable loss of life by Russian civilians and prisoners of war during the siege.

However, Paulus said that from Dec. 8, 1942, to the end of the month he made almost daily appeals for permission to break out.

FINNISH COMPLICITY

The Soviet prosecution called upon the words of a captured German general in accusing Finnish President Carl Mannerheim and other Finnish leaders of sharing the Nazi guilt of attacking Russia for territorial goals.

"The Finns, like other satellites of Germany, waged war in order to acquire entire regions and republics of the Soviet Union," Assistant Chief Prosecutor N. D. Zorya told the Tribunal.

Bald, hook-nosed general of Nazi infantry Erich Buschenhagen, Soviet war prisoner for 18 months, supplied an affidavit that Mannerheim "expressed his satisfaction with the invasion plans."

Buschenhagen had drafted with the Finnish General Staff in 1941. Taking the stand in person, Buschenhagen testified that Mannerheim received in advance command of the Finnish-German forces that were to drive southward and link up in the Leningrad area with the German army group advancing from East Prussia.

The Buschenhagen affidavit alleged that Mannerheim personally ordered a General Talvel to establish liaison as early as September 1940 with the German General Staff for jointly preparing a future attack against Russia. The document emphasised that the German General Staff found it unnecessary to use any pressure on its Finnish counterpart to obtain acceptance of all proposals for the campaign.

NAZI SATELLITES

Donations of captured Maevay officers disclosed that Hungary was promised an eastern Galician oilfield by Hitler for fighting, that intelligence reports on the Soviet frontier troops strength were purposely exaggerated and that German faked bombing of a Hungarian town was blamed on the Soviets to satisfy the "incident."

Marshal Antonescu, who committed Rumania to war in return for Hitler's promise for territories up to Odessa, also received Soviet attention.

As late as February 1942 Antonescu was begging the Reich Government to allocate him more spoils, especially oil fields, captured records disclosed. By October of that year, which had brought the first American bombing of Ploesti, Rumania's own production had fallen so low that she could not deliver enough oil abroad to keep the Italian Fleet in action. Associated Press.

JAPAN TO BUILD CHINA RAILWAYS

Chungking, Feb. 13. Material to rebuild China's shattered railway system will be procured from Japan, the Chinese Minister of Communications, General Yu Tachen, is reported to have told newsmen in an interview at Nanking.

The Minister estimated it would take one month to repair the Linn Hai railroad and two months to rebuild the Tientsin-Pukow railroad and also the Peking-Shanghai line. With regard to the Peking-Hankow railroad the Minister expected a period of three months before its completion. Associated Press.

Break With Argentina?

Buenos Aires, Feb. 13. Political observers interpreted the United States blue book as the most serious indictment ever made against an American Republic.

They speculated whether its language might not provoke the curtailment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The official Argentine reaction was not available immediately. Associated Press.

ALIENS' EXPULSION

Washington, Feb. 13. Representative Eberhart, Republican, Pennsylvania, introduced legislation which allows the Attorney-General to suspend for six months deportation of alien Japanese. Under the present law the Attorney-General may issue such suspensions for all aliens except for those of oriental origin.

Eberhart said that approximately 200 Japanese face deportation, adding that "almost all have dependent citizen wives and children some of whom served in the armed forces. All have been loyal to the United States. As an act of simple justice such discrimination merely because of race should be eliminated." Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

Washington, Feb. 13. President Truman announced today he had accepted the resignation of Harold Ickes as Secretary of the Interior. Associated Press.

Calcutta, Feb. 13. British troops opened fire on an Indian mob after rioters burned two post offices, smashed store fronts and damaged homes of Europeans today.

Unofficial reports said 17 were killed and at least 200 injured in the wild demonstration. An unofficial report also listed 17 dead as the result of the mob demonstrations yesterday. Associated Press.

Cairo, Feb. 13. Two students were reported killed in a clash with police today at a community 40 miles north of here. The student demonstrations against presence of British troops in Egypt, which began five days ago, spread to other cities today. Associated Press.

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